which he was working as Assistant Director (Cost). The same principle is to be adopted to the extent possible at the time of promotion of Deputy Director (Cost) to the grade of Joint Director (Cost). There is no provision for transfer out of organisation on promotion to the grade of Adviser (Cost) since there are only three posts in this grade.

(c) There is only one officer, who has stayed for more than 10 years in the same organisation but held different positions. However, most of the period of his stay was prior to formulation of rotational transfer policy of 1989. He was not transferred thereafter as he is due to retire in September, 1992.

FICCI's Proposal on Import of Gold and Silver

2740. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the FICCI has recently suggested that the Government should allow import of gold and silver freely at a nominal customs duty of S per cent to make domestic prices of gold and silver to be at par with international rates and thereby curbing the smuggling activities; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) With reference to the restrictions on import and export of certain currencies and bullion, the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry in its memorandum entitled "Amendments to FERA", has suggested that restrictions be retained unless accompanied by surrender of EXIM scrips. Government does not find it feasible to permit import of gold and silver against EXIM scrips in the present state of the economy, the Balance of Trade and the foreign exchange constraints.

मादक द्रव्यों का अवैध व्यापार करने वालों को दोष सिद्ध किया जाना

2741. **श्री रणजीत सिंह:**
सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा:

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 24 अगस्त, 1991 के "द इकानामिक टाइम्स" में "ओनली 7% ड्रग ऑफिन्डर्स कनविक्टिड स्टडी" शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने नशीले द्रव्यों का घृणित अवैध व्यापार करने वालों के लिए कठोर दण्ड का प्रावधान करने के लिए नये कानून बनाने के लिए राज्य सरकारों से कहा है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है और इस दिशा में सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाये हैं?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर ठाकुर): (क) से (ग) जी हां। संदर्भित रिपोर्ट परामर्शदात्री फर्म द्वारा किए गए अध्ययन के बारे में है। अध्ययन में नए अधिनियमन के लिए कड़े उपाय प्रारम्भ करने की सिफारिश नहीं की गई है, लेकिन इसके साथ-साथ यह उल्लेख किया गया है कि रिहाइयों की अधिकता, स्वापक औषध एवं मनः प्रभावी पदार्थ अधिनियम, 1985 यथा संशोधित 1989 में, पहले से ही कड़े उपायों के कारण है। सरकार ने जांच के स्तर को बढ़ाने के लिए प्रवर्तन अधिकारियों के प्रशिक्षण को बेहतर बनाने के उपाय शुरू किए हैं।

धनकर अदा करने के लिए कर-निर्धारिती मंत्री

2742. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) केन्द्रीय सरकार के वर्तमान मंत्रिमंडल में कौन-कौन ऐसे मंत्री हैं जो धन-कर निर्धारिती हैं; और

(ख) नवीनतम कर-निर्धारण आदेशों के अनुसार उनमें से प्रत्येक का कुल कर-योग्य धन कितना-कितना

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर ठाकुर): (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन-पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Sale of Confiscated Goods

2743. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the imported luxury goods, confiscated by the customs are to be sold only through NCCP at market price;

(b) whether it is also a fact that gross irregularities had occurred in the valuation and disposal of these goods by the Bombay Collectorate in 1986;

(c) if so, whether any inquiry into these irregularities and under valuation of the goods have been made by Government; and

(d) if so, what is the outcome thereof stating the action taken by Government in the matter besides taking suitable measures to ensure that such irregularities do not recur in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Confiscated consumer and luxury goods are normally sold in bulk to the National Consumers Co-operative Federation, registered co-operative societies, civil supplies corporations, etc. for being sold in turn to bonafide consumers in retail through Super Bazar, Sahakar Bhandars, etc. Such goods are also offered for sale to military/para-military/police canteens. A small portion of such goods are also sold in retail through Customs' retail shops. The goods are sold at a market price less $14^{1/2}$% discount to NCCF, less 10% discount to other co-operative societies, corporations, etc. No discount is offered when the goods are sold in retail.

(b) to (d) The Bombay Custom House has been asked to expeditiously submit their report of compliance on the inspection conducted by the Directorate of Preventive Operations office in 1986.

Revised pay scale of Assistants and Stenographers Grade 'C

@2743-A. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the revised pay scales of Assistants and Stenographers Grade 'C of the Central Secretariat Service will be applicable on the Autonomous Bodies/ Corporations where the mode of recruitment is through open competition;

(b) if so, whether any circular or order has been issued in this regard; and

(c) which are the Autonomous Bodies/ Corporation yet to implement the revised pay scale for Assistants and Stenographers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Proxies submitted by M/s Trishna Investments in Genera] Body Meeting of L&T

2744. SHRI A.G. KULKARNI:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has seen the news item captioned "Proxy check may mar claim" appearing in the Times of India, New Delhi dated the 23rd September, 1991 and state whether proxies submitted by M/s Trishna Investments for the General Body meeting of L & T were

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